

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 625

By Moody

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of David Barrett to the education standards recommendation committee for social studies.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, requires the state board of education to adopt "[new] sets of standards in science and social studies that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-310(a), requires that such standards "be adopted through an open, transparent process that allows all Tennesseans an opportunity to participate... and fully implemented in Tennessee public schools in the 2017-2018 school year"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, provides for the creation of the standards recommendation committee for science and social studies to facilitate such process; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, further provides that the "standards recommendation committee [be] appointed in the same manner as the standards recommendation committee created in 49-1-312"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), provides that the governor shall appoint four (4) members to the standards recommendation committee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed David Barrett of Memphis to serve on such committee; and

WHEREAS, the current assistant principal at Raleigh-Egypt High School in Memphis, Mr. Barrett has been working in education in Tennessee for twenty-one years and has spent his entire career in the Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, in the classroom, he has taught United States history at both the eighth-grade and high-school level, world geography, world history, economics, and United States government; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as the secondary social studies instructional advisor (7-12) for Shelby County Schools, in which position he oversaw curriculum development, teacher training, school and teacher support, in-service projects, and community relationship development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrett has also worked extensively with such groups as the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, the Tennessee Geographic Alliance, the Tennessee Council for the Social Studies, the Tennessee World Affairs Council, the Center for Reflective Citizenship at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, the Confucius Institute at the University of Memphis, the Japan-America Society of Tennessee (JAST-West), Memphis in May, and Facing History and Ourselves, as well as a variety of government agencies, private foundations, and museums to further social studies education in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrett has further represented Tennessee on delegations to China, Japan, Germany, and Turkey; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(b), provides that all appointments to the committee "shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of David Barrett to the education standards recommendation committee for social studies for a term that commenced on February 17, 2016, and will expire on January 31, 2017.